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Board of Selectmen

Minutes: June 5, 2000

Present: Mr. Greeley, Chairman, Mrs. Dias, Vice-Chair, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Hurd, Mrs. Mahon

Also Present: Mr. Marquis, Mr. Maher, Ms. Cove

FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of Meeting: April 24 & May 22, 2000

Mrs. Mahon moved approval subject to the correction of the spelling of a gentleman's name of "Reilly" on the second page of the May 22nd minutes. SO VOTED

Introduction: Cities for Climate Protection Program Intern

Patsy Kraemer, Supervisor

Mrs. Kraemer introduced Sarah Meginnis, the intern hired for the summer program. Ms. Meginnis explained that her role will be to conduct research and perform an emissions inventory of Arlington. The Board welcomed Ms. Meginnis to Arlington.

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

Reappointment – Assistant Treasurer & Assistant Collector of Taxes

Alfred B. Fantini (term to expire 6/30/01)

Mr. Lyons moved approval. SO VOTED

Reappointment – Council on Aging

Richard B. Murray

Alex Moschella

(both terms to expire 5/1/03)

Mr. Lyons moved approval. SO VOTED

LICENSES & PERMITS

Common Victualler License

Young Jin Corp., d/b/a Mr. Sushi, David E. Sung, President, 693 Mass. Ave.

Wine & Malt Beverages Only License

Young Jin Corp., d/b/a Mr. Sushi, David E. Sung, President, 693 Mass. Ave.

Mr. Frank Reynolds, of Keshian and Reynolds 1040 Massachusetts Avenue, was present on behalf of the applicant.

Mr. Lyons moved approval subject to all conditions set forth by Town departments. SO VOTED

Request for Awning Permit

Harold A. Ryan Florist, 91 Warren St.

Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED

Permission for Use of Area in front of 311 Broadway on June 24th

Renuka S. O'Connell, 311 Broadway, was present. She explained that she will be celebrating her twentieth anniversary of business in Arlington and will be having a small celebration. Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED

Farmers Market – Summer 2000

Report of Oakes Plimpton, 67 Coolidge Road.

The Board expressed its concern over the use of the municipal lot for this purpose during the months of September and October when parking is at an especially high demand. David Walkinshaw of the Chamber of Commerce was present and also expressed his concern over the lack of parking. Mr. Hurd moved approval of a permit for July and August and for the parking subcommittee to meet with Mr. Plimpton to discuss a resolution for September and October.

SO VOTED

Conduit Petition

Metromedia

Ms. Nicole Barron of Metromedia Fiber Networks, 411 Waverly Oakes Road, Waltham, was present to request permission to install, lay and maintain underground conduits and manholes, with the associated wires and cables to be placed therein, under the

surface of the following public way or ways:

In SWAN PLACE, southwest from the intersection with the Minuteman Bike Trail to the intersection with Swan Street, a distance of approximately 246 linear feet, and

In SWAN STREET, northwest from the intersection with Swan Place to the intersection with Pleasant Street, a distance of approximately 295 linear feet, and

In PLEASANT STREET, southwest from the intersection with Swan Street to the intersection with Maple Street, a distance of approximately 561 linear feet, and

In MAPLE STREET, northwest from the intersection with Pleasant Street to the intersection with Academy Street, a distance of approximately 700 linear feet, and

In ACADEMY STREET, north from the intersection with Maple Street to the intersection with Massachusetts Avenue, a distance of approximately 478 linear feet, and

In MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, east from the intersection with Academy Street to the intersection with Mystic Street, a distance of approximately 1,130 linear feet, and

In MYSTIC STREET, northeast from the intersection with Massachusetts Avenue to the intersection with Chestnut Street, a distance of approximately 569 linear feet, and

In CHESTNUT STREET, northeast from the intersection with Mystic Street to the intersection with Medford Street, a distance of approximately 595 linear feet, and

In MEDFORD STREET (Rte. 60), northeast from the intersection with Chestnut Street to the Medford Town Line, a distance of approximately 2234 linear feet, and

In CENTRAL STREET: From the intersection with Massachusetts Avenue, northeasterly to the intersection with Bacon Street, a distance of approximately 202 linear feet, and

In BACON STREET: From the intersection with Central Street, westerly to the intersection with Mill Street, a distance of approximately 370 linear feet, and

In MILL STREET: From the intersection with Bacon Street, northeasterly to the intersection with the M.B.T.A. Right-of-Way (Bike Path), a distance of approximately 520 linear feet.

ARLINGTON STREET CROSSINGS, M.B.T.A. BIKE PATH

In the FOREST STREET underpass, east from the M.B.T.A. right-of-way (bike path) to the M.B.T.A. right-of-way (bike path), a distance of approximately 48 linear feet, and

In the BRATTLE STREET underpass, east from the M.B.T.A. right-of-way (bike path) to the M.B.T.A. right-of-way (bike path), a distance of approximately 50 linear feet, and

In the GROVE STREET underpass, east from the M.B.T.A. right-of-way (bike path) to the M.B.T.A. right-of-way (bike path), a distance of approximately 38 linear feet, and

In MILL STREET, east from the M.B.T.A. right-of-way (bike path) to a proposed MFN manhole in the intersection of the M.B.T.A. right-of-way (bike path) and Mill Street, a distance of approximately 40 linear feet, and

Above (but not In) the WHITTEMORE STREET underpass, southeast from the M.B.T.A. right-of-way (bike path) to the M.B.T.A. right-of-way (bike path), a distance of approximately 40 linear feet, and

In the POND LANE underpass, southeast from the M.B.T.A. right-of-way (bike path) to the M.B.T.A. right-of-way (bike path), a distance of approximately 42 linear feet, and

In LINWOOD STREET, southeast from the M.B.T.A. right-of-way (bike path) to the M.B.T.A. right-of-way (bike path), a distance of approximately 42 linear feet, and

In LAKE STREET, southeast from the M.B.T.A. right-of-way (bike path) to the M.B.T.A. right-of-way (bike path), a distance of approximately 42 linear feet.

Also for the permission to install, lay and maintain underground conduits, cables and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes, Substantially as shown on plans marked as follows: DWG: 007-628-MIN-ARL-0316/01-19 Dwg:007-628-MIN-ARL-0262/01-13 DWG:007-628-SWA-ARL-0254-0255 DWG: 007-628-PLE-ARL-0219/01-02 DWG:007-628-MAP-ARL-6220-01/02 DWG 007-628-ACA-ARL-0218 DWG:007-628-MAS-ARL-0217-01-02 DWG 007-628-R60-ARL-0225-01-07 DWG 007-628-CEN-ARL-0326. DWG 007-628-BAC-ARL-0325 DWG 007-628-MIL-ARL-0327

Mr. Lyons moved approval. SO VOTED

7:45 p.m. Reports to the Board

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Report

Richard Bento, Director of Public Works

Mr. Bento introduced Bernie Smith a member of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners. Mr. Bento thanked the Commissioners and their Chair, Mr. Totten, as well as Bill Carroll and Bill Jones of the Public Works Department for their contributions and support of this project.

David Crispin and Sandeep Senjit of the BSC group, 384 Washington Street, Norwell, were present to share with the Board and the Town the findings of a feasibility study/summary report for the proposed Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Expansion. They also showed

how the cemetery now has a complete database of the graves and their records.

Mr. Smith indicated that in his opinion, the only long term viable solution is to use a portion of the land at great meadows.

Mr. Lyons requested that the Cemetery Commissioners reconsider their current policy for burial in Arlington. Presently you must pass away in Arlington in order to be buried here.

Mr. Lyons moved to indicate the Board's support of the use of land adjacent the Mystic Valley Parkway for the purpose of expanding the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, providing another ten years of burial space, and to encourage the Conservation Commission to allow the Town to proceed with these plans. SO VOTED

Clarissa Rowe, 53 Brantwood, asked that members of the Cemetery Commission please attend meetings of the Open Space Committee. Ms. Rowe expressed her disagreement relative to use of the Great Meadows as cemetery space.

Carol Kowalski, 182 Scituate Street was present and supported Ms. Rowe's comments.

Peter Fiore, 58 Mott Street inquired about the possible use of the lawn adjacent to Chestnut Manor.

Mr. Hurd moved to receive the report. SO VOTED

Mr. Lyons asked that the commissioners be invited to a meeting of the Board in September to discuss the matter further.

Peirce Field

Report on lighting status - Town Manager

Request for Approval of Letter – Arlington Youth Alliance

Richard Bento, Director of Public Works explained to the Board that excavation will start on Monday, June 12th and that the lights should be done three weeks after that.

Mr. Lyons indicated that he would like a report back on the status of the funding for the lights.

9:00 p.m. Joint meeting with School Committee and Conservation Commission

At 9:03 p.m. the Board broke the regular meeting to meet with the Conservation Commission and School Committee in the Selectmen's Hearing Room.

The Board returned at 10:50 p.m.

For Discussion/Approval

Pay Raise for Town Manager

Mr. Dias moved that the Manager receive a 3% raise for the remainder of his tenure. SO VOTED

Mr. Lyons moved that the Manager receive a 4% raise for the remainder of his tenure.

(1-4) defeated. Mr. Lyons voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. Dias exited the meeting at 10:55 p.m.

Peirce Field (continued)

Report on lighting status - Town Manager

Request for Approval of Letter – Arlington Youth Alliance

Bob Geribo, 255 Forest Street, of the Arlington Youth Alliance, was present to request the Board sign a letter indicating their support for the lighting project and further that they demand that the project be completed by July 10, 2000.

Mr. Greeley indicated his willingness to sign as did Mrs. Mahon. Mr. Hurd indicated that he would not sign the letter and further expressed his displeasure at the insinuation that he has been anything but supportive of the project from its beginning. Mr. Lyons indicated that he would be unwilling to sign the letter.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Any matter presented for consideration of the Board shall neither be acted upon, nor a decision made the night of the presentation in accordance with the policy under which the Open Forum was established.

Paul Schlichtman, 60 Pleasant St., wrote a letter to the Board with several traffic safety concerns. The Board of Selectmen directed the Manager to investigate the concerns and to report back to the Board on Monday, June 19th.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

Traffic Lights at Mystic & Summer Streets

Report of Director Fred Ryan

Director Ryan's report recommended changes to the lights at Mystic and Summer Streets subject to the approval of the wire inspector that the lights can accommodate the changes recommended.

He recommended the following:

Elimination of the green right turn arrow.

Make the red light (for the right turning lane only) a flashing red light. Note, flashing light would turn solid red when pedestrians are crossing.

Place a stop sign and advisory "stop ahead" signs in appropriate locations.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. (4-0) SO VOTED

Mr. Hurd asked that a letter be sent to the proponent of the changes and to thank her for bringing the situation to the Board's attention.

Correspondence Received

Joseph Chessey, Department of Revenue, Deadline for holding proposition 2 ½ elections for contingent appropriations

Marsha Blythe-Brown, Arlington Transit Realty Associates, Parcel at 1395 Mass. Ave.,

Linda McCord, 143 Franklin St. , Anderson Automotive

Patricia Marden, 11 Wyman St., Mt. Pleasant Cemetery

Joseph Chessey, DOR, Proposed 2000 Equalized Valuations

Karen McBlair, Boston Market, Operations, Inc. d/b/a Boston Market, Change in ownership Golden Restaurant

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence. (4-0) SO VOTED

New Business

Ms. Cove updated the Board on the status of the position profile for the Town Manager search.

Mrs. Mahon:

Asked that the puddles in front of a residence (69 Grand View) be looked at as there is an apparent drainage problem on the street.

Asked that additional yard waste pickups be considered.

Informed the Board of her request to the Personnel Director to investigate any retirees who may be affected by the new reclassification plan in that they may see a freeze in their retirement benefits if the position they retired from was reclassified into a lower pay plan. The retiree would continue to receive cost of living adjustments but no other increases resulting from step increases.

Mr. Hurd:

Informed the Board of a meeting regarding double utility poles. Mr. Hurd and Ms. Cove are working with representatives of the utility companies to try and expedite double pole removal.

Commented on the AVON Breast Cancer Walk on Saturday June 3rd. Mr. Hurd complimented the Town Officials that helped make the event in Arlington possible.

Complimented the work done at Monument Park.

Mr. Lyons:

Informed the Board that he talked to David Balfour, Commissioner of the MDC, regarding the Henderson Street Bridge and that he is making an effort to get communication between the Town and the Metropolitan District Commission.

Mr. Greeley:

Reminded the Town of the upcoming lecture by Nessie Godin, a Holocaust survivor.

Thanked Mr. Lyons for filling in for him during Memorial Day Services as he was ill.

Mr. Hurd moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

A true record.

Caryn E. Cove

Board Administrator